# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF NEW MEDICAL DENTAL COLLEGES
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Supreme Court has asked the Centre and the Medical Council of India to work out modalities for granting permission to those medical and dental colleges, applications of which were rejected last year;

(b) if so, whether the Government has implemented the said directive issued by the Supreme Court;

(c) the number of applications rejected last year, State-wise; and

(d) the number of medical and dental colleges likely to be set up in the country during the current year, State-wise?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) In academic year 2005-06, Medical Council of India did not recommend for grant of permission for establishment of some new medical colleges. Since the applicants were to be given an opportunity of personal hearing as per the provisions of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, before disapproving their proposal, their response was sought viz-Ã -viz MCI recommendations to enable the Central Government to pass appropriate order by 15.7.2005. Most of the applicants submitted their compliance on rectification of deficiencies pointed out in the inspection report of MCI. These compliance reports were forwarded to MCI for giving their inputs for enabling the Government to consider these cases so that the seats in colleges, meeting requirements of MCI norms are not lost to the students. However, MCI did not give their inputs on the ground that last date for giving their recommendations was already over on 15.6.05. In the absence of quality inputs from the MCI, Government could not take a final decision on these schemes by the stipulated date. Later on some of the applicants moved the Supreme Court of India and that Court in its last order dated 15.2.06 has directed as under:

"the matter shall be discussed to streamline the grant of permission to open medical/dental colleges or renewal thereon between the officers of the Medical Council of India and the Central Government who shall also take into account the problem, if any, faced by the colleges, and the points agreed shall be informed on the next date of hearing."

Subsequent to the Court directions, there rounds of meetings were held between the Ministry and Medical Council of India. Consensus on the issue is yet to arrived at in the absence of appropriate inputs from MCI.

(d) Central Government is permitting establishment of new medical/dental colleges under the provisions of Indian Medical Councils Act, 1956 and the Dentists Act, 1948. Grant of permission for setting up a new medical/dental college depends on fulfilling the qualifying criteria prescribed in the Regulations of respective Councils, availability of infrastructural facilities and recommendations of the respective Council thereon. Based on the facilities available, permission has been granted for establishment of new medical colleges during 2006-07, one at Pondicherry and other in Tamil Nadu. No new dental college has been permitted during 2006-07 so far.